

33^d Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 15th, 2020

11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE

Sonata No. 6 in D Minor

Felix Mendelssohn

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

INTROIT

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

✠ CALL TO WORSHIP

from 1 Thess. 5

One: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you

One: Clothe yourselves with faith and love;

All: Be confident in your salvation in Christ Jesus.

One: The Lord is with us!

All: Let us worship God.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Holy God, We Praise Your Name

GROSSER GOTT

We invite you to meditate on the lyrics as the hymn is played.

Please refrain from singing out loud.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, you have made us stewards of your creation and commissioned us to carry out your work to the best of our ability. But we have not served you with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love. We withhold our gifts and live in fear. Have mercy on us, we pray. Make us bold to use the gifts you give us for the sake of your kingdom, until you come in glory. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

One: Because we belong to our Lord Jesus Christ, we need not fear.

All: Christ lived for us. Christ died for us. Christ was raised for us and prays for us.

One: Friends, hear and believe this promise:

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

RESPONSE

Holy God, We Praise Your Name

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✠ PASSING OF THE PEACE

May the peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

Please refrain from bodily contact and maintain at least 6 feet of physical distance from other households as we pass the peace this morning.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

HEBREW BIBLE READING Zephaniah 1:7,12-18

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Blessed Are You

Craig Courtney

EPISTLE READING

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

Tim Reynolds

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

TIME FOR REFLECTION

Andante

Felix Mendelssohn

✠ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from The Belhar Confession

We believe that God has entrusted the church with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ; that the church is called to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world; that the church is called blessed because it is a peacemaker; that the church is witness both by word and by deed to the new heaven and the new earth in which righteousness dwells; that God's lifegiving Word and Spirit has conquered the powers of sin and death, and therefore also of irreconciliation and hatred, bitterness and enmity; that God's lifegiving Word and Spirit will enable the church to live in a new obedience which can open new possibilities of life for society and the world.

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING & INTERCESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;

And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

HYMN OF DEDICATION

O Day of God, Draw Nigh

ST. THOMAS

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✠ BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

✠ POSTLUDE

Allegro molto and Fuga

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